

Sapphire has recently been rated the #1 Buffalo in shade. This has been based on the Horticultural Australia and Department of Primary Industries trial data (see summarised averages on the table below).



SHADE RATINGS TABLE

CULTIVAR	30% SHADE	50% SHADE	70% SHADE	90% SHADE	AVERAGE OVER 30-90%
Sapphire	6.94	6.5	5.65	3.33	5.6
Shademaster	6.15	6.33	5.65	2.43	5.14
Sir Walter	6.28	5.85	5.4	3	5.13
Matilda	6.6	6.15	5.08	2.58	5.1
Kings Pride	5.93	6.33	5.43	2.48	5.04
ST-26	5.23	5.83	5.08	2.43	3.18

Note: These are averages from subjective turf quality ratings. (0=dead 6=acceptable 10=excellent). Four ratings were taken (16th and 30th March 2009, 20th April and 11th May 2009.)

SHADE SCALE

